

TIPP CITY TREE BOARD

TIPP CITY, MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO December 10, 2008

Tree Board Meeting

Chairman Rambeau called this meeting of the Tipp City Tree Board to order at 5:15 p.m.

Roll Call

Members in attendance included: William Duff, Joanna Pittenger, and Tim Rambeau.

Also in attendance were Park Superintendent Jim Asher, Electric Tree Crew members John Montgomery and Dave Slife, and Board Secretary Marilyn Fennell.

Minutes Approval

October 8, 2008

The minutes of the October 8, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Duff **moved to approve the minutes as written.** Mrs. Pittenger seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

New Business

Tree Removal
Requests

Applications for tree removals were considered by the Tree Board.

1. Jim Milthaler, 424 W. Broadway- Removal of Maple on Hyatt St. side, by City

The Board agreed that this tree had been damaged previously and has had its roots cut in previous street work. The Board agreed to City removal.

2. Craig Ault, 249 N. Fourth St.-Removal of Maple by City

The Board agreed this tree needs to be removed along with the Pear that is leaning dangerously. Mr. Asher and Mr. Montgomery agreed with that assessment. The 2 trees will be removed by the City.

3. Clarence Vogeler, 88 N. Tippecanoe Dr.- Removal of Ash by City

The tree has been split severely and has lost balance. The Board agreed to removal by City.

Mr. Asher asked the Board to look at a Maple at 518 W. Broadway and there is a Pear in the Broadway Blvd. that lost a sizeable piece out of its side in the September wind storm. The Board members are to call Mrs. Fennell with their decisions.

National Arbor Day
Poster Contest

Mrs. Fennell suggested the Board review the posters after the business portion of the meeting. There were 56 entries from the Fifth Graders of LT Ball Intermediate School.

Tree City USA Award
Submittal

The Tree City USA Award and Growth Award applications have been sent. Mrs. Fennell reminded the Board that this is the 25th year for the City to be designated as a Tree City USA. She also thanked Mr. Asher and Mr. Montgomery for their input. The Tree

Trees damaged by
September Storm

Old Business

Revision of Pamphlet-
Recommended tree list

N. Hyatt Street
Reconstruction Project
update

Miscellaneous Business

Board terms

Comments on Items
not on the Agenda

Line USA designation will be looked at for next year. The Board was also reminded that the Growth Award is for new or greatly improved projects. The Board should bring their proposals for new projects for the February 2009 meeting. Mrs. Pittenger suggested the replacement of the civic signs at the entrances into the City be spearheaded by the Board; possibly a fund raiser at Harrison's Restaurant.

The City of Hamilton will be hosting the annual Tree City USA awards the week before Arbor Day. Details to follow.

Mr. Rambeau had submitted a number of addresses that have limbs either up in the yards or in the curb lawn trees that need attention due to the storm damage. Mr. Asher said he would start a survey of the damage. Mr. Rambeau had composed an article for the *Tippecanews* and the other local papers regarding the need to attend to those.

City Council approved the amendments to the Tree Ordinance on October 20, 2008. The Board needs to adjust the list on the pamphlet so that a new version can be produced. Mr. Duff will make his suggestions at the February meeting and the Board can make the final decision.

Mr. Asher reported 43 (2") new trees have been planted on N. Hyatt Street. Mr. Rambeau said he had a concern about staying away from the electrical poles.

Mrs. Pittenger has reapplied for the Board. Appointments will be made in January by the City Council.

Mr. Rambeau asked if there was any chance of Dolly Inc. replacing their trees on Fourth Street. He was informed that they are totally out of business. Mr. Asher said he might be able to plant a couple in the spring.

Mr. Asher also informed the Board that there were 4 Sycamores planted along the new section of bikepath from Main Street to Kyle Park. There is a plan to use the funds donated by the Tipp City Rotary to honor their past presidents to plant more Sycamores along the white split-rail fence along that pathway. Those donations had been previously used to plant a grove of Bald Cypress in Kyle Park and it is full.

Mr. Rambeau asked about 2 trees removed on South Street. Mr. Montgomery said there were 2 addresses approved on the Sidewalk Replacement list earlier approved.

Mr. Rambeau hopes to have his Container Tree Project

Next Meeting Date

Adjournment

information together for the next meeting for this spring planting.

The next meeting will be February 11, 2009 at 5:15pm.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on a motion by Mrs. Pittenger, seconded by Mr. Duff at 5:55pm. The Board adjourned to judge the posters submitted for the National Arbor Day Poster Contest.

APPROVED: _____
Tim Rambeau, Board Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Marilyn Fennell, Board Secretary